



**Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 3738**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No. 10/761,978 : Examiner: B.E. Snow
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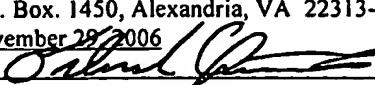
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116

SIR:

This amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated August 30, 2006, and further to the telephone interview between Examiner Bruce E. Snow and the undersigned on October 19, 2006. Please amend the application as follows:

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